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## RUMANIANS LOSE FORTRESS TO THE BULGO-GERMANS

Paris, Sept. 7.—The French have captured the German first line trenches over a front of one mile on the Verdun front, the war office announced today.

The breach in the German line was effected on the front north-east of Verdun between the Vaux-Chapitre region and the Chevois. The French took two hundred and fifty prisoners.

The French statement adds that a powerful effort made by German troops to dislodge the French from Hospital farm on the Somme front, was without success, and that the Germans were dispersed with heavy losses.

### GERMANS BEATEN BACK BY THE BRITISH

London, Sept. 7.—A German attempt to regain possession of Leuze wood on the Somme front last night led to hand and hand fighting with the British.

The war office announced today that the Germans were beaten back.

### RUMANIANS OCCUPY MOUNTAIN PASSES

Bucharest, Sept. 6, via London, Sept. 7.—Rumanian troops have occupied Gyrgyo-Ditro-Orsova pass, on the northwest frontier of Rumania, says the official statement by the Rumanian war department today. Seven guns, a number of machine guns and important food stores were captured from the Austro-Hungarians.

German and Bulgarian forces having received reinforcements, continue to attack with great violence the Rumanian fortress of Turtukai. The garrison of the fortress is ceaselessly counter-attacking, the Rumanian statement adds, and the losses on each side are said to have been serious.

### GERMANS CAPTURE RUMANIAN FORTRESS

Berlin, Sept. 7, via London.—More than 20,000 Rumanians were taken prisoners when Bulgarian and German troops captured the Rumanian fortress of Turtukai, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters.

The official statement says that in the capture of the Rumanian fortress more than 100 guns were taken.

### TURKISH OFFENSIVE CHECKED BY RUSSIANS

Petrograd, Sept. 7, via London.—An offensive movement undertaken by the Turks along the Euphrates west of Erzingan, in Turkish Armenia, is said by the war office today to have been repulsed. In the region of Ognott where stubborn fighting has been under way the Russians are driving the Turks from their strong mountain defenses.

### RUSSIANS BOMBARDING GALICIA; CITY IN FLAMES

Petrograd, Sept. 7, via London.—The Russians are bombarding the Galician town of Halicz, about 60 miles southwest of Lemberg, says the Russian official report, issued today. The town is in flames.

The Russian statement adds that Russian troops have occupied the railway lines between Halicz and Semikowitz and Wodniki.

### MILITARY OPERATIONS IN GREEK MACEDONIA

London, Sept. 7.—An official statement reporting military operations in Macedonia issued today says:

"Saloniki.—On the Struma front several raids were made by our patrols on enemy trenches. Some prisoners were captured.

"The royal navy successfully shelled a battalion of enemy infantry concentrated opposite Neochari (in Eastern Greek Macedonia near Orfina.)

"On the Dorain front there was considerable artillery activity. Hostile guns which were shelling Vladoja were silenced.

"We shot down an enemy aeroplane, which fell in flames into Lake Doiran."

### FRENCH AIRMAN BRINGS DOWN TWO MACHINES

Paris, Sept. 7.—The French aerial service took an active part in the recent actions on the Somme front, says a French official statement. In air fights yesterday two German machines were brought down by French aeroplanes and forced to descend in damaged condition.

"HE IS WELL-GROUNDED IN DEMOCRACY AND ARDENTLY IN LOVE WITH IT."—Wilmington Evening Dispatch.



T. W. BICKETT  
Haleigh, N. C.  
Democratic Candidate for Governor.

### TWO VESSELS CARRYING AMERICANS ARE SUNK

Reported to the State Department by Consular Officers Yesterday.

Washington, Sept. 6.—Sinking of two vessels in the European war zone with Americans aboard was reported to the State Department today by American consular officers. The State Department will investigate both incidents to determine if American rights have been violated. There is no information now at hand to indicate that either vessel was attacked illegally.

A dispatch from Consul McCann at Glasgow, announced that there were 28 Americans on board the British steamer *Kelvina* when she was sunk by a mine or torpedo, September 2, while bound from Newport News, Va., to Avonmouth and Glasgow. All of the Americans, including two rescued and are now in Glasgow.

Consul Hurst, at Barcelona, Spain, reported that two "presumably" Americans, James Andrews and Lon Bruce, were among the crew of the Italian sailing vessel *Stella Delmare*, which was sunk by a submarine off the Balearic Islands on August 29. The message did not state whether the crew was saved nor give the addresses of the two members believed to be Americans.

### TO DEFY ADAMSON LAW

Topeka, Kansas, Sept. 6.—E. P. Ripley, president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway, declared in a formal statement tonight that the Santa Fe does not intend to comply with the Adamson 8-hour law, recently enacted by Congress to avert a threatened strike, until ordered to do so by the United States Supreme Court.

### DANCE LAST NIGHT

The young people of the Spring Hill section gave a delightful dance last night. Many persons from Scotland Neck attended.

### BREMEN TO ARRIVE SOON

London, Sept. 6.—It is reported here that the German submarine merchantman *Bremen* may be expected at any American port within ten days, probably at New Haven, Conn.

### TEACHERS' MEETING

Mr. R. D. Jenkins, superintendent of the local graded school, requests the Commonwealth to announce that there will be a teachers' meeting at the school building here next Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 12. All teachers are urged to be present.

### GASOLINE DROPS

New York, Sept. 6.—Another reduction of one cent a gallon in the price of gasoline, making the wholesale price now 22 cents a gallon, was announced today by the Standard Oil Company. The reason given was the heavy increase in the production of crude oil.

### GERMAN SHIPS TO BE TAKEN FROM NORFOLK

Auxiliary Cruisers to be Transferred to Philadelphia Last of September.

Washington, Sept. 6.—Convoyed by American warships and flying their own flag, the German auxiliary cruisers Prinz Eitel Frederick and Kronprinz Wilhelm, now interned at the Norfolk navy yard, will be transferred to Philadelphia some time between the 20th and 30th of this month. The American effort will serve the double purpose of guarding against attempt to escape and protecting the German boats from attack by Allied warships, as it will be necessary for the squadron to pass outside the three-mile limit.

The State Department will notify the German ambassador of the change, but it will not be necessary to ask permission, as this country has become responsible for the ships and may do whatever it believes necessary. The transfer is to be made because construction of a new dock at Norfolk has reduced available space there.

There are 324 officers and men on board the Prinz Eitel Frederick and 420 on the Kronprinz Wilhelm. The facilities at Philadelphia will allow greater liberties to the interned seamen, who are kept under close surveillance.

### "NEVADA" JOINS THE FLEET

Washington, Sept. 6.—The super-dreadnaught *Nevada*, the newest and most powerful American warship, has completed her final acceptance trials and joined the Atlantic fleet on the Southern drill grounds for target practice. Admiral Benson, chief of operations, said tonight that he had every reason to believe the test was satisfactory, although he has not yet received the report of Captain W. S. Sims, her commander.

The *Nevada* sailed from Tompkinsville, N. Y., September 1, and made the tests runs in the Atlantic. Driven by her oil burning engines she was required to make 19 knots for 20 hours and her maximum of 20.5 knots for 4 hours. She has a tonnage of 27,500 and carries ten 14-inch guns.

### JOSH ROBBERSON'S TRIP

The many friends of Mr. Josh Roberson, who recently made a trip to England from Newport News, Va., are glad to know that he arrived back home safely from such a perilous voyage.

The Commonwealth intended to give its readers a summary of Mr. Roberson's experiences, that gentleman promising the editor an interview, but he has been so busy since returning relating to anxious inquirers a list of the situation that he has as yet been unable to grant the reporter an audience. For fear, however, that the story will grow stale, here goes some of the facts in the case:

Mr. Roberson left Newport News in July aboard an English transport ship together with Dr. W. A. Morgan, an assistant veterinarian, and after steaming for fourteen days across the Atlantic, arrived at Avonmouth, England. It was against the rules, Mr. Roberson declares, to go aboard, that is, for the Americans—but he soon got wise to the fact that a gift of any size would pass him by the British "Bobbies" (policemen doing duty). This he did and successfully explored the main land of England for some distance. He managed to always get back to his ship by dark, however, for he has heard how the German Zeppelins drop bombs on Gentile as well as Jew. Later on Mr. Roberson visited Liverpool and London, and declares emphatically, that "Lunnon" is some big town.

Mr. Roberson says that on the way over his ship was met some hundred miles out by English torpedo boats and safely guided in by an experienced pilot. The same formality was gone through coming back. Only one German submarine was sighted, it giving the stock boat a lively chase. Mr. Roberson says that in order to escape it was necessary to zigzag his ship.

The return was completed last week and Mr. Roberson is home resting from the trip. He says the same boat will soon go to Alexandria, Egypt, but he has not yet decided whether to make this trip or not.

The cargo of the boat consisted of 1200 head of mules for use in the European War.

Mr. L. R. Mills, Jr., has bought of the N. A. Riddick Motor Car Co., a Saxon "Six" touring car.

### CONGRESS BEGINS THE DROPPING OF AMENDMENTS

Washington, Sept. 7.—Conferees on the emergency revenue bill today struck out the Phelan amendment which would empower the President to retaliate against citizens of belligerent nations which interfere with the United States.

The argument which prevailed in the conference was that it might work great hardships to Americans in foreign countries by counter-retaliation.

The conference also abandoned the Chamberlain amendment to prohibit admission of Pacific ocean salmon or halibut through a foreign country except in bond from an American port. This, it was decided might develop a commercial war with Canada, and bring about retaliation against American Atlantic Coast fisheries.

Other Senate amendments giving the President retaliatory power against interferences with American commerce and embargoes on American goods to foreign nations were agreed to. They have the sanction of the State Department while the Phelan amendment did not.

The conference then approached the wine taxes and dyestuff tariff. Majority Leader Kitchin moved to strike out the Senate amendments increasing the duties on coal tar, medicinal derivatives and flavoring extracts. There was no fight, however, on the increases in the rates on intermediate and finished dyestuffs.

The conference eliminated the \$300,000 continuing appropriation for the tariff commission for 1917. The House managers yielded the demand for restoration of the tax on copper when the Senate conferees threw out the stamp taxes. The income, inheritance, and corporation stock taxes as fixed in the Senate bill were approved.

Senator Owen was intent today on continuing his fight for the corrupt practices bill, which developed a torrent of bitter personal remarks yesterday after the Senate had voted to take up the measure.

Leaders insisted, however, that the bill would not come to a vote before adjournment.

### HORSE RAN FOUR MILES

Tarboro, Sept. 6.—G. T. DeBerry's horse became frightened Tuesday and dashed down Main street, escaping all vehicles along the route. Reaching Tar River bridge it made its way across it into the town of Princeville, and ran down the road and was not halted until it reached Mildred, four miles from Tarboro. The strange thing of the runaway was that neither horse nor buggy was injured in its mad four-mile flight by passing vehicles or other obstructions.

The receipts of cotton at this market for the year ending August 31, were 9,508 bales.

### KEEL-HORTON

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in the First Baptist Church at Richmond Wednesday, September 6, when Miss Sallie Keel, the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. W. T. Keel of Farmville, N. C., became the bride of Mr. J. Lloyd Horton, a prominent young lawyer of the same town. Only a very few of their most intimate friends and near relatives were present for the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Geo. W. McDaniel, pastor of the church.

Immediately after the ceremony the young couple boarded the train for New York, Niagara Falls and other points of interest in the North, where they will spend a few days before returning home.

Mrs. Horton is the sister of Dr. D. F. Keel, of Scotland Neck, and has many friends here who wish for them much happiness.

### DEATH OF LITTLE BOY

Marvin, the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hales died at the home of his parents in East Scotland Neck yesterday morning at 7 o'clock. The remains were buried today.

The little fellow was afflicted with malarial fever.

### NOTICE

The public will please note that Dr. Keel has returned after an absence of ten days, and is again ready to make appointments with those desiring dental work.

### GREENE COUNTY MAN HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Alleged that Tom Carter Has Done Violence to Willie Howell, Adopted Son.

Snow Hill, Sept. 6.—Tom Carter, of the Jerusalem neighborhood, was arrested Monday and is now in jail under a serious charge, the making away with a 15-year old boy.

Willie Howell, an orphan boy, whom Carter was rearing, has disappeared under suspicious circumstances. It is reported that Carter has been cruel to the boy in spite of the general reputation the lad bears of being an obedient hard-working boy. There is a rumor said to be backed up by good evidence that the boy has been cruelly mistreated—that about a month ago he fled to a neighbor to escape the continued harsh treatment. Carter went for and took the boy back home. It is alleged that on Saturday night, August 25th he again mistreated the boy most cruelly. The following Monday he was seen driving towards Goldsboro with the boy. This is the last known of the boy's whereabouts.

Carter says the boy was unmanageable; and that he decided to give him his liberty; that he desired to go to Durham; but that after getting to Goldsboro he persuaded the boy to change and go to Rocky Mount; telling the boy that he (Carter) had a brother there who would help him to get a job; that he bought the boy a new suit of clothes, a ticket for Rocky Mount, and gave him money, and that he saw him leave on the train.

Carter's brother, who lives in Rocky Mount, was here Monday night and says he knows nothing of nor has he heard anything of the boy. Carter asserts that perhaps the boy changed his mind and did go to Durham. On the other hand it is asserted by some that a 15-year-old boy would hardly have changed his route when he had a ticket to Rocky Mount, and but little money; that he most certainly would have come to Rocky Mount if afterwards he had gone to Durham.

In the meantime the boy's relatives are doing all they can to ascertain his whereabouts if he is alive.

### SUGAR IS CHEAPER

San Francisco, Sept. 6.—The larger sugar refineries here announced today a drop of 75 cents per hundred pounds in refined sugar in consequence with recent decreases in raw sugar quotations. It was said to be the most important change in refined sugar since European demands shot prices up to \$7.85 per hundred pounds.

### FORD SUES FOR MILLION

Chicago, Sept. 7.—Suit for one million dollars was filed by Henry Ford, the Detroit manufacturer, against the Chicago Tribune in the U. S. District Court here today. Mr. Ford asks for personal damages as compensation for an editorial printed in the Tribune, June 23, which, it is charged, called Ford an "anarchist."

The editorial was printed more than two months ago.

According to the announcement which came from Mr. Lucking's office, the word "anarchist" was used in the headline. The editorial itself censured Mr. Ford's ideas and methods.

### "NANCY'S BIRTHRIGHT"

The Palace Theatre is going to show another of those multiple reel dramas tonight entitled, "Nancy's Birthright." This is another of the popular problem dramas, which have been drawing crowds, and should be largely attended. It is barely possible that the celebrated Charlie Chaplin will be seen here next Thursday night in one of his latest screeds, "The Floorwalker." Watch the Commonwealth Tuesday for more particulars.

### CIRCUS COMING

The juvenile population of the city is whetting its appetite for the day of all days—circus day, September 20. Mr. Frank McGuire, advance agent was here Wednesday, having the bill boards decorated with pretty posters. The attraction is known as the Mighty Haag Trained Wild Animal Shows. Read the ad in this paper.

### PLAGUE CASES INCREASING

New York, Sept. 7.—The health authorities today reported another slight increase in the infantile paralysis epidemic. There were 61 new cases, and 28 deaths, a rise of six.

### NEW YORK CITY FACES ANOTHER CAR STRIKE

Union Car Men on the Interborough Subway and Elevated Lines Vote to Quit.

New York, Sept. 7.—A strike was inaugurated on the subway and elevated lines and several surface systems of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company today, but up to noon the city appeared only slightly affected.

New York, Sept. 6.—A strike was declared early tonight by unionized employees of the subway and elevated railway lines operated by the Interborough Rapid Transit Company. About 1,500 of the 11,700 car men in the company's pay voted at a mass meeting to quit work immediately.

Union officials asserted that, with the possible exception of the lines in Brooklyn, New York's electric transportation facilities would be completely paralyzed by morning. They were confident, they said, that the motor men and conductors in the surface lines in Manhattan, Harlem and the Bronx would also strike through sympathy.

Theodore P. Shouts, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, declares that with adequate police protection the company could cope successfully with the situation, and "guarantee transportation to the public." He said that only a small number of the company's employees had become unionized.

Trains were running on regular schedule an hour after the strike was announced.

Mr. Shouts issued a statement declaring the company would "fight the union to a finish."

Five thousand patrolmen held in station houses in anticipation of the strike were pressed into service. Preliminary details called for policing each subway and elevated train and all stations. In the event of a strike on the surface car lines, it was said one patrolman would be placed on each car.

Special squads of policemen and detectives will guard power houses and car barns, in many of which strike breakers have been quartered.

Oscar S. Straus, chairman of the public service commission, at a conference during the day with representatives of the union, requested that the strike be held up, pending another attempt by himself and Mayor Mitchell to settle the trouble.

The labor leaders declined. Union leaders declare many workers were discharged today because they refused to take off their union badges.

Interborough car barns gave the appearance of barracks. Approximately 4,000 men have been housed and fed in preparation of the anticipated strike order. Most of them were hired by strike-breaking agencies at the time of the railroad emergency and were taken over by the Interborough.

Employees on the "Green Car" line of the New York Railways company voted tonight to strike. This is one of the most important of the city's surface lines. The men acted through sympathy for the subway and elevated railway employees.

The Interborough employees demand an annulment of individual contracts binding them not to seek wage increases for two years.

Should the strikers succeed in their purpose, more than 12,000 employees will be effected and New York will face the worst tie-up in its history. Thus far the union has confined its demands to the Interborough and its subsidiary surface car line, the New York Railways Company. But it was intimated tonight that the strike might possibly be extended to other companies operating in the greater city.

### ON THE JOB AGAIN

Capt. George Hawkes, the veteran conductor on the Weldon-Kinston branch of the A. C. L. railroad recently enjoyed a much-needed vacation with friends and relatives at Newport News, Va. Capt. Hawkes is one of the most popular conductors on the entire system and has scores of friends here who are glad to see him on the job again.

### ENTERTAINED CARD CLUB

Mrs. G. Hoffman entertained the Card Club at her home on North Main street Tuesday afternoon.

### MUSTERING OUT OF GUARDSMEN ORDERED BEGUN

Washington, Sept. 7.—The fifteen thousand guardsmen returned from the border by the recent order of the War Department were today ordered mustered out of the Federal service. The guardsmen remaining on the border stay there for the present.

The War Department official announcement is as follows:

"The Secretary of War directs that all the organizations of the national guard in the federal service recently ordered from the border to their respective mobilization camps, be mustered out of the federal service as soon as practicable and returned to the normal status of national guard troops except in the case of the Fourteenth New York Regiment, which is to be held in service at its mobilization camp pending the prevalence in that regiment of para-typhoid.

"As soon as it can be safely done this regiment also will be mustered out. Similar precautions should be taken with any other organization returning from the border suffering from any infection or which is under suspicion of being infected."

The troops affected are three regiments from New York, two from New Jersey, one from Maryland, two from Illinois, two from Missouri, one from California, one from Oregon, one from Washington, and one from Louisiana.

These units comprise in the aggregate about 15,000 national guardsmen.

The plan for the mustering out of the regiments will be executed under the various departmental commanders within whose jurisdiction these organizations are placed. In many instances where there is no reason to hold them because of disease infection, the mustering out will be done immediately.

It is expected that all the organization except the Fourteenth New York will be mustered out as soon as the necessary routine is concluded.

### ILLUMINATE THE POLICEMEN?

Kinston, Sept. 6.—E. B. Lewis, private secretary to Floor Leader Kitchin, a public-spirited citizen of Kinston and known in practically every corner of the country, proposes a unique innovation for his home town. Mr. Lewis wants "headlights installed on policemen." The other night, he states, an automobile turned the corner at Caswell and McLewen streets, where his home is located, at such an angle that a cop at the curb was almost run down. "The car was going about fifty miles an hour, I estimate, and there wasn't a light on it. The policeman evidently did not see it until it was almost upon him. He yelled but the driver did not stop." The policeman, of course, was at a disadvantage. He could not see the number. "Strikes me that if we don't put lights on 'em we're going to lose a policeman sooner or later," Mr. Lewis states.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

The members of the Methodist Sunday School enjoyed a nice picnic Wednesday at Palmyra. The pastor, Mr. Singleton, and practically all the teachers went down with the pupils, who thoroughly enjoyed the day. A nice dinner was served at noon.

### EURE BENNETTE

Enfield, Sept. 7.—A very quiet, but pretty wedding was solemnized on Wednesday, September 6, at the home of the bride, when Miss Mary Bick Bennette, charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bennette became the bride of Mr. William Thomas Eure of Halifax. Only a small number of the most intimate friends of the contracting parties were present to witness the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. A. P. Mustain of Warrenton, N. C.

The parlor was artistically decorated with ferns and roses. The bride was dressed in a traveling suit of blue with hat and gloves to match.

The groom is the son of Mr. W. T. Eure of Halifax and is a highly respected and progressive young farmer.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party motored to Weldon, where the young couple left on train No. 12 for a tour of northern cities. The heartiest wishes of their many friends go with them.